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Sharing the Vision for Improved Flood Risk Management

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Purpose

- **Shared responsibility for flood plain Management**
- **Regional consistency to address short and long-term protection**
- **Restore level of flood protection**
- **Uniform approach across regional and state boundaries**
- **Evaluate non-structural alternatives**

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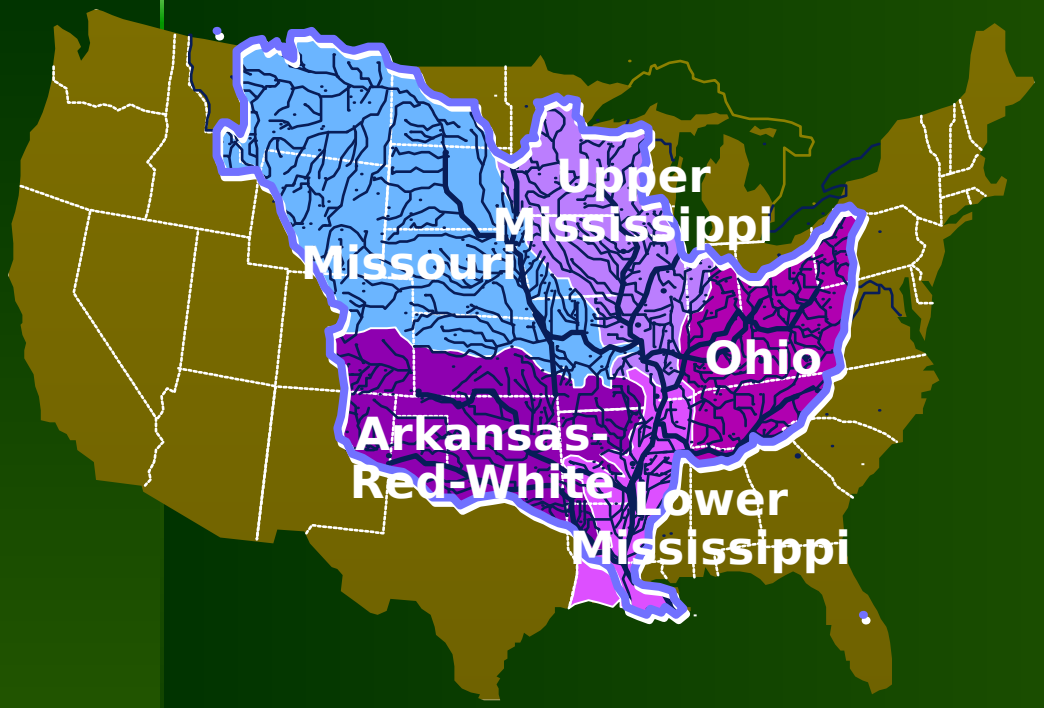
Intended Outcomes



- **Identification of regional partners**
- **A facilitated comprehensive regional approach to flood risk management and recovery**
- **Establishment of interagency partnerships (federal / state)**
- **Explore non-structural solutions and other flood risk management opportunities**

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Example of Success

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East Grand Forks, Minnesota
Flood Damage Reduction Project
Completed in 2007

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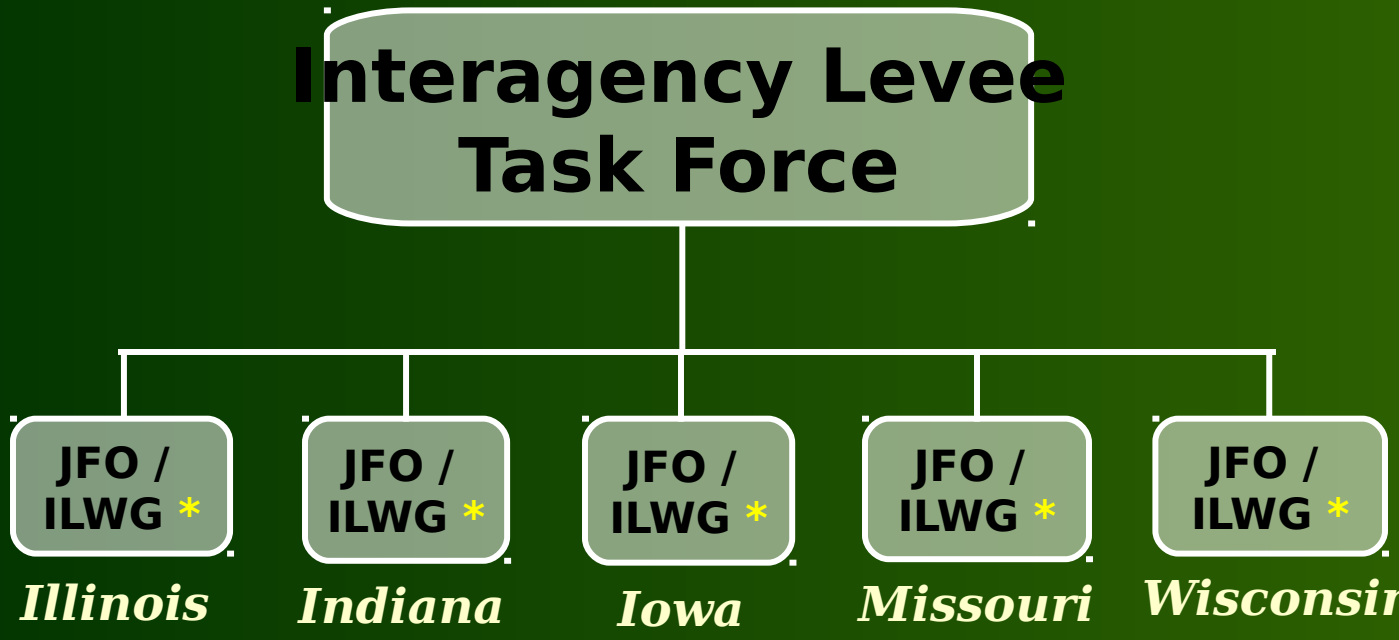
Collaborative Process



*** Joint Field Office / Interagency Levee Work Group**

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Communication

Regional Stakeholder Engagement Plan

- Goals
  - Learning organization (missions and relationships)
  - Collaboration in restoring FRM systems
  - Leverage public affairs staff and processes
  - Measure and evaluate successes of restoration
  - Build public confidence and support
- Tools
  - Web site
  - Agency and public forums
  - Monthly newsletter and reports
  - In Progress reviews

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Next Steps

- Operations plan and charter endorsement
- Interagency Levee Task Force program team
- Interagency Levee Working Group core members
  - Knowledgeable of programs & authorities
- Goal: Operational August 8, 2008
- Follow-on Interagency Levee Task Force meeting
  - August 8, 2008
  - Conference call link, IWGs at JFO sites
- Operational: PIRS ready for coordination

Call to Action

- **Experience**
- **Expectation**
- **Execution**

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